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PDRY

A YSP Political Bureau statement broadcast by Aden radio praised the "revolutionary alertness" of YSP members in civil and military establishments, expressing gratitude to all those who confronted "the coupist attempt perpetrated by the conspirator 'Ali Nasir Muhammad." The Political Bureau said it is in "complete control" of the situation, adding that security, stability, and normal life are being restored. The radio also broadcast a message to the Political Bureau from YSP members at Aden University, who denounced the 'Ali Nasir Muhammad regime for opening the internal market to the "allurements of capitalist consumer goods" and promoting the spread of bribery, favoritism, and other corrupt practices. The "imperialist media" support for 'Ali Nasir Muhammad and animosity toward the YSP Political Bureau clearly show 'Ali Nasir's involvement with "imperialists and reactionaries," the message maintained..

In Moscow, the PDRY premier and foreign minister confirmed their support for 'Ali Nasir's opponents in an interview with the UAE's *AL-ITTIHAD* cited by WAKH. They stated that former Chairman 'Abd al-Fattah Isma'il is still alive and in control of the situation in Aden, disclosing that Isma'il has accepted an invitation to talks in Moscow while Chairman 'Ali Nasir has not yet answered the invitation. Paris Radio Monte Carlo, however, reported the "readiness" and the forces opposing to accept. *AL-ITTIHAD also cited reports from Sanaa that fierce fighting* erupted in the Lahij area 23 January and that 'Ali Nasir has mobilized 40,000 men to regain positions controlled by his opponents in Aden and Lahij. Nevertheless, 'Ali Nasir's envoy to Damascus called for an immediate cease-fire in a statement reported by Radio Monte Carlo. Damascus radio noted that the envoy, Anis Yahya, discussed the current "regrettable events" in the PDRY during a meeting with President Hafiz al-Asad. Discussions in Sanaa between the YAR and Djibouti presidents also focused on the PDRY situation, according to Sanaa radio.

Among eyewitness accounts of the situation in Aden, the French ambassador said after his evacuation that the city is litteredwith corpses and the wreckage of 120 tanks, Radio Monte Carlo reported. The ambassador also noted the acute lack of water, electricity, food, and medicine in the capital.

Libya

Reacting to the Pentagon announcement of U.S. maneuvers off the Libyan coast, JANA accused the United States of "power mania." Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi had earlier stressed in an interview with *AL-NAHAR AL-'ARABI WA AL-DUWALI* that Libya will attempt to shoot down any U.S. aircraft that enters Libyan airspace, adding that Libya will strike anyone who violates its waters or airspace.

For the Soviet Union's part, TASS viewed the U.S. maneuvers off the Libyan coast as an "unconcealed provocation" and as an attempt to escalate military tension.

Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi planes hit a large maritime target near the Iranian coast, attacked Khark Island, and launched a "devastating" raid on oil pipelines near Ganaveh, according to an Iraqi military communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio. An Iranian Oil Ministry official told IRNA that the Ganaveh raid caused minor damage to an oil pipeline but said that Iranian oil exports would not be affected.

OPEC

The price of crude oil could fall below $15 per barrel unless non-OPEC countries reach an agreement with OPEC on limiting oil production, Saudi Oil Minister Shaykh Ahmad Zaki Yamani warned in an OPECNA report cited by AFP. Yamani said such a price reduction would have "adverse and dangerous consequences for the whole world economy," the report added. Meanwhile, Iran called on OPEC members to boycott Britain and Norway "for slashing oil prices in the world market," according to an IRNA interview with Iranian deputy Oil Minister Hoseyn Kazempur Ardabili. Ardabili also critized some OPEC countries for "being instrumental" in bringing down prices and assailed Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Nigeria for violating OPEC Quota and supply rules.

Pakistan

An explosion in a Pakistan International Airlines building in Peshawar killed 3 people and injured about 24 others, Karachi radio reported, adding that the government has launched an investigation into the incident.

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Presidium Member Meets With Foreign Journalists
LD210033 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari
1600 GMT 20 Jan 86

[Text] A large number of reporters and journalists from some socialist countries, India, Sweden, the United States, Britain, Japan, the FRG and Finland arrived in Kabul and interviewed Abdorrahim Hatef, member of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium and chairman of the DRA National Fatherland Front [NFF] Central Council this afternoon.

In the course of a detailed conversation, Abdorrahim Hatef informed the foreign journalists about the ever-increasing activities of the NFF and said that more than 760,000 people are mobilized today in the ranks of the NFF throughout the country in more than 9,500 councils toward realizing the aspirations of the revolution.

Abdorrahim Hatef described the important role of the front as the greatest revolutionary heart of the country in defending the homeland, revolution and people and an example of the participation of all groups and strata of all tribes and nationalities of the country in the country's socio-political life.

In reply to a question by the ISI of India concerning the broadening activity in progress toward expanding the social basis of revolution, he spoke and shed light on the broadening of the DRA Revolutionary Council and its Presidium. He said that a large number of non-party persons have been included in these organs and for the first time a respected religious leader has been elected to the vice-presidency of the Revolutionary Council.

He also told the foreign journalists about the activities of border militias and self defense groups. Abdorrahim Hatef said that at the present tens of thousands of our compatriots throughout the country have raised arms and are engaged in defending their lives, property, family, the homeland and revoltuion and in defending what the revolution has brought to the people as gift.

He added that the role of the NFF in the country's socio-political life has been increased and just a few days ago dozens of candidates of the NFF were elected to the membership of the highest state organ of the DRA, the DRA Revolutionary Council and its Presidium, the majority of whom are non-party men.

In reference to the election of the local organs of the state power and administration, Hatef said that the front plays a very important and active role in the election. At this very moment hundreds of candidates of the front have been elected to the membership of the councils of the people's representatives, have occupied the highest state posts in localities and are actively engaged in political and social tasks.

According to a BAKHTAR correspondent report the foreign journalists went to the Watan nursery today and spoke with children who lost their families and parents as a result of the savageries of the counterrevolutionary elements. Journalists were welcomed by the children chanting the slogan: We are the sons of our homeland and singing revolutionary songs.

Sher Aqa, a 10-year old child from the Parwan Province spoke with an FRG journalist and said that as a result of the sincere attention paid to us by the party and government, I have forgotten the pain of losing my family. I live now in the folds of the party and state and in this common family, as in my own family and even better than that. We are all alike. Our parents have been eliminated by the rebels in the most savage manner.

According to another report the foreign journalists this afternoon held a comprehensive conversation with 'Abdorrashid Waziri, the deputy minister of the Minsitry of Tribal and Nationalities Affairs in that ministry.

Waziri spoke in detail about the historical and geographical characteristics of the regions inhabited by tribes and clans and emphasized the role of tribes as an unbreakable fortress of defending independence against the aggression and intervention of colonialism, neo-colonialism and imperialism.

In reply to a question from the Japanese corresondent concerning the return of refugees to the homeland, the deputy minister of tribal and nationalities affairs said that the majority of those who, under the unprecedented pressure of imperialist propaganda, are away from their homes, want to utilize the amnesty decree of the DRA Revolutionary Council Presidium and return to the folds of the motherland. They want to get away from the clutches of the Pakistani prison guards and the armed counter-revolution — those places called refugee camps.

In answer to a question by the REUTER representative concerning the situations in the tribal areas, the aggression of the militarists army and its dreadful dealing with the innocent tribal people, 'Abdor Rashid Waziri said that the tribal people, due to their historical and national characteristics, are armed and consider weapons as their honor and means for defending their dignity and freedom.

The groups of journalsits arrived in Kabul today at the invitation of the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The journalists, who come from the GDR, the CSSR, the Peoples Republic of Poland, India, Finland, Japan, the United States, Sweden, Italy, the FRG, Kuwait and Britain, will familiarize themselves with the truth of the revolution and the great revolutionary events taking place in the country and will meet with responsible officials of organs and various social organs.

Soviets Resort to Air Transport for Afghan Trade
OW220049 Tokyo KYODO in English 0015 GMT 22 Jan 86

[Text] Islamabad Jan. 21 Kyodo — The Soviet Union is using transport planes for trade with Afghanistan, because of frequent attacks by Afghan mujahideen guerrillas on convoys using the vital Kabul- Slanag highway, western diplomatic sources said Tuesday.

The sources said that the heavy traffic of Soviet Il-26 transport planes into Kabul continued last week. The diplomats counted 22 such flights from January 10 to 19.

They said the Soviet transport planes were obviously being used to airlift essential goods whose supply overland has been hindered

by the resistance attacks. They noted that price of flour in Kabul increased 27 percent recently and other items of daily use like cooking oil, sugar and gasoline, continue to be in short supply.

The western diplomatic sources also reported the abduction of two Afghan women during a search operation by Soviet-Afghan troops in a village in Paghman district last Thursday. Seven afghans who resisted the kidnap were shot down on the spot, they said.

Reportage on Recent Fighting, Operations

Baghran, Chahar Ashab District

LD202232 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 20 Jan 86

[Text] Quoting a source in the country's security forces, a Bakhtar correspondent reports that as a result of the successful operations by the country's security forces in the village of Deh-i Mulla, Baghran district, a counterrevolutionary leader belonging to a Jamiat band was captured. Some medicine, rocket launchers and a number of explosives were seized from him.

According to another report, as a result of successful operations carried out yesterday by the security forces (Abbas Kala) of Chahar Asiab district, Kabol province, 22 surface-to-surface rockets came to the hands of the country's security forces.

109 Rebels 'Crushed'

LD231633 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 23 jan 86

[Text] A BAKHTAR correspondent, quoting a responsible source in the security forces, recently reports that as a result of successful operations by the DRA security forces in the Golran, Kohestan, and Zendajan districts, Herat province, 109 armed rebels were crushed and 46 were wounded. One DSHK, 1 ZK-1, 2 rocket launchers, 34 assorted weapons, 44 antitank mines, 39 mortar mines, 8,800 rounds of assorted ammunition, 3,360 rounds of DSHK ammunition, 1 Japanese radio communication unit, and 10 U.S. walkie-talkies were seized from these criminals.

Also during the operations 4 DSHKS, 4 mortars, 3 recoilless guns, 57 assorted weapons, 5 caches of equipment, 3 food stores, 2 trucks, and several enemy hideouts were destroyed.

According to another report, during a successful operation carried out by the country's security forces in the Khwaja Gogerdak and [name indistinct] areas, 18 armed rebels were crushed and 9 were wounded. Six rocket launchers together with 66 rounds, DSHK together with 600,000 rounds, one DPT [expansion unknown] machinegun; 1 heavy machinegun and 39 assorted weapons, 14 hand grenades, 51,000 rounds of kalashnikov ammunition, 54 shells for recoilless guns, 87 mortar shells, antipersonnel mines, 4 antitank mines, 3 boxes of medicine, 1 typewriter, 5 trucks and cars and 1 tractor were seized by the security forces.

Tori, Kurm Region Actions

LD220922 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0444 GMT 21 Jan 86

[Text] Kabul, January 21, BAKHTAR — Difference between the free tribes of Tori, Wazir and Kurm Regions and the Afghan counter-revolution are getting intensified and they are pushing their demand for the expulsion of the counter-revolution from their regions. The reports reaching here say that the people of Kurm Region have asked Pakistani authorities to withdraw as soon as possible the counter-revolution from their regions but the Pakistani authorities are not prepared to accept their demands.

The report adds that the youth of Tori have taken practical actions against the counter-revolution by attacking on them or conducting explosions.

The youth of Tori region have launched armed attack on the Afghan counter-revolution in Kurm region as a result of which five counter-revolutionaries were killed and four were injured.

They have also blasted explosions in several areas of Kurm Region as well as in vehicles carrying arms and ammunitions towards the border of the DRA as aresult of which over 40 miscreants were killed, about 20 were seriously injured and their ammunitions on the vehicles were destroyed.

According to another report, an explosion was carried out by unknown persons in a cinema of Peshawar City as a result of which 25 counter-revolutionaries were killed and a number of people were injured. This is the fourth explosion in a week in that city.

Another explosion has taken place in Bajawar which has caused the death of three persons. The reason for the explosions are due to the ever-increasing differences between the Afghan counter-revolutionary bands, the report says.

Armed Group Surrenders

LD202033 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 20 Jan 86

[Text] An armed group of 12 men previously belonging to the Jamiat gang, has recently surrendered to the security forces in the district of Bagram, Parwan Province by taking advantage of the amnesty decree of the Presidium of the DRA Revolutionary Council and message and resolution of the historical loya jerga. They brought with them 1 rocket launcher and 3 shells, a heavy machinegun, and 10 Chinese and Egyptian kalashnikovs.

SPA Reports on Fighting

GF211556 Riyadh SPA in Arabic 1055 GMT 21 Jan 86

[Text] Islamabad, 21 Jan (SPA) — Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad today said that Baghman Valley, 20 km from the capital, Kabul, witnessed intensive fighting between the Afghan mujahidin and Soviet and Afghan Government troops on 16 January. An Afghan mujahidin unit attacked a Soviet force killing five Soviets and destroying one tank. The diplomats said

that on the same day a Soviet-DRA force of 200 men launched a house to house search in the nearby villages and that during the search operations the force kidnapped two young women and killed other women and one man.

The diplomats said that Soviet military aircraft bombed Kabisa and Charikar Provinces in central Afghanistan on 10 and 13 Janaury, inflicting heavy damage. The diplomats pointed out that 14 women and a child were among those who were killed in Charikar Province alone.

The Afghan mujahidin launched an attack on police centers in Qandahar Province on 13 January and killed 12 Kabul regime policemen. During the attack three mujahidin were martyred. The Afghan mujahidin also attacked a vehicle carrying some government soldiers on the airport road killing 10 soldiers and wounding 10 others.

Western diplomats said that the Ghazni area, 90 miles south of Kabul, has witnessed intensive military activities. Fierce fighting took place between the Afghan mujahidin and the government and Soviet troops on 5 and 6 January. Many government and Soviet troops were killed in the attack. A Soviet military plane bombed several villages in the Ghazni area on 7 January.

Western diplomats said that a number of big Soviet transport planes were seen leaving Kabul airport from 10 to 19 January. The planes, which appeared to be transporting soldiers and provisions, are said to have made about 22 flights. A number of MIG-24 planes and armed helicopters were seen making daily flights from Kabul Airport toward the southwestern area to attack Afghan resistance targets in Vardak Province.

Training Program Cooperation With USSR Begins
LD201240 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto
1530 GMT 19 Jan 86

[Text] Afghanistan and the Soviet Union have commenced a new cooperation program for training skilled workers in the current year. This program, which will last for 5 years, specifies the construction of 10 vocational training centers at a DRA pedagogic industrial training establishment with the Soviet Union's technical aid.

According to a TASS agency report, skilled workers for the gas industry and geological excavations will be trained by a center to be opened in Sheberghan. Chemical industry workers also will be trained in Mazar-e Sharif and textile workers in Qandahar.

Those interested in learning work in the areas of agriculture, construction, and transport, may be trained in Herat, Farah, and Kabul.

The report adds that training centers in Afghanistan can each absorb 300 to 400 students and the Soviet Union will equip these centers with modern tools and equipment. Soviet teachers also will take part in teaching.

The Industrial Pedagogic Institute, which is scheduled to open in Kabul, will enroll more than 700 students.

The report adds that the two countries' new cooperation program will be expanded even more. Two vocational training centers exist in the DRA, which have been built with the Soviet Union's help. Construction and road-building workers, metal workers, agricultural machinery operators, electric power workers, and workshop workers of industrial machine-tools will be trained at these centers. In addition to this, Afghan youths are engaged in training in Soviet educational institutes.

USSR's Kuznetsov Arrives in Delhi 23 Jan

BK231620 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] The first vice chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, Mr V.V. Kuznetsov, arrived in New Delhi today on a weeklong official visit. He was received at the airport by the vice president, Mr R. Venkataraman. Mr Kuznetsov is heading a six member delegation of the Supreme Soviet, which has come out at the invitation of the Indian Parliament.

Speaking to newsmen at the airport, Mr Kuznetsov and Mr Venkatzraman said the delegation's visit will further strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two countries.

Attends Dinner

BK240449 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 24 Jan 86

[Text] India and the Soviet Union have reaffirmed their resolve to strengthen friendship and deepen mutual understanding. Speaking at a dinner hosted in honor of the 18-member Soviet parliamentary delegation in New Delhi last night, the vice president, Mr Venkataraman, said India-Soviet relations are time tested and bounded by the treaty of peace, friendship, and cooperation. In his reply, the first vice chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, Mr V.V. Kuznetsov, said that the treaty reflects the true character of the goal which the two nations cherish.

2 Killed, 40 Injured in Police Confrontation

BK231613 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] In Haryana, 2 persons were killed and 40 injured when police opened fire to control unruly mobs indulging in violence at different places. About 150 policemen were also injured, many of them seriously, in these incidents.

An official spokesman told the Chandigarh correspondent this evening that the incidents occurred in connection with the Rasta Roko [road blockade] agitation. The police opened fire to control the stone-pelting mobs trying to disrupt vehicular traffic at Paniwala Moia in Sirsa and near Guriabai in Sonepat District. The other two incidents of firing occurred at Chhanari and Rohtak.

The chief minister, Mr Bhajan Lal, has expressed distress and grief at the death of those killed in the firing and sanctioned exgratia payment of 15,000 rupees to members of each bereaved family.

Meanwhile, the bundh [strike] in the state today was complete except at Adampur, Tohana and Fatehabad in Hissar and Nilokhan in Karnal District.

The Chandigarh aministration has made adequate security arrangements in view of the bundh call given by some political and social organizations for tomorrow. Police pickets have been posted and patrolling intensified in the city.

An official spokesman said in Chandigarh this evening that prohibitory orders banning assembly of five or more persons are already in force. The call has been given to press the demands for a linguistic survey in the city on the pattern of the one recently held in 54 villages of Fazilka and Muktsar Tahsil in Punjab.

Chandigarh Strike Call 'Evokes Negligible Response'

BK240855 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 24 Jan 86

[Text] The bundh [strike] call in the Union Territory of Chandigarh today evoked negligible response. According to an official spokesman, more than 90 percent of shops and business establishments in the city are open, the vehicular traffic is plying normally and educational institutions are functioning as usual. The call for the bundh has been given by some political and social leaders to press their demand for a linguistic survey in the Union Territory on the pattern of the one recently held in 54 villages of Fazilka and Muktsar tahsils [revenue districts] in Punjab. Meanwhile, leaders of Chandigarh unit of all major political parties have announced their dissociation with the bundh call.

Over 500 Released From Precautionary Detention

BK240455 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 24 Jan 86

[Excerpt] The Haryana government has released over 500 people who were arrested in the state as a precautionary measure during the last 2 days. An official spokesman told our Chandigarh correspondent that those released include the state Lok Dal president, Mr Devilal; the Haryana BJP [Bharatiya Janata Party] president, Mr Mangal Sen; and five MLA's [members of the Legislative Assembly].

Congress-I Leader Shot Dead in Punjab

BK240439 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 24 Jan 86

[Text] In Punjab, Mr Shyamlal, the block Congress-I president of Kalanaur in Gurdaspur District, was shot dead by two unidentified miscreants last evening. The assailants who are reported to have come on foot escaped after the incident.

Five Reported Dead in PIA Office Bomb Blast

HK231242 Hong Kong AFP in English 1208 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] Islamabad, Jan 23 (AFP) — Five people died and two dozen were injured today, many of them seriously, when a huge bomb blast ripped through the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) office at Peshawar, bordering Afghanistan, today, witnesses and hospital sources reported. Reports reaching here said the bomb was planted in the ticketing section of the PIA building which was one of the biggest office complexes in the cantonment area.

The blast during the morning rush hour at 11.00AM (0600 GMT) set the entire building ablaze and a pall of thick black smoke engulfed the whole area hampering rescue operations, the sources said. Fire fighters struggled for three hours to bring the bbaze under control. But sources in Peshawar said the major part of the building, including all PIA facilities and its cargo section were gutted.

The impact of the blast was felt several kilometres (miles) away. The bomb was the biggest in the wave which has gripped the border town since the beginning of this month. Several casualties have been reported in at least half a dozen bomb explosions in and around Peshawar this week.

No arrests have been made so far, but official sources believe the Afghan secret service "KHAD" is involved, in a bid to harrass a population which is sheltering about two million Afghan refugees and several resistance guerrilla groups. Police have identified as Soviet-made several unexploded bombs and stores of explosive material siezed earlier.

This is the first time that an important government run agency office has been made a target of the blast. Past attacks were confined to the refugee concentration areas and the offices of rebel groups. Several banks and other offices rented in the building were also damaged in today's blast.

Two years ago at least six Afghan Mujahedeen died in an explosion at the Hezbi Islami group's main office. As a result Pakistani authorities expelled all rebel organisations from the town, shifting their offices to outlying suburbs. Most of those injured today were PIA staff. Officials have so far confirmed two deaths while unofficial count was five dead and 24 wounded.

Opposition Demonstration Supports Libya

NC232012 Paris AFP in English 2002 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] Karachi, Pakistan, Jan 23 (AFP) — Several thousand followers of the opposition alliance movement for the Restoration of Democracy (MRD) took to the streets here today in a show of support for Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi in his confrontation with the United States. The demonstrators, most of them members of the banned Pakistan People's Party carrying portraits of Col al-Qadhdhafi and executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, tried to head for the U.S. Consulate, but police blocked their way.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan early this month imposed economic sanctions on Libya, alleging that Col al-Qadhdhafi's government was implicated in international terrorism.

New PLO Ambassador Meets With Ziaul Haq

BK231553 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] The new PLO representative in Pakistan, Mr Ahmad 'Abd al-Razzaq al-Suleyman, called on President Mohammad Ziaul Haq in Rawalpindi today. He delivered a message of good wishes and well-being from PLO Chairman Yasir 'Arafat. He also conveyed a message of thanks for the full-fledged support extended by the Pakistan people to the just cause of the PLO.

Karachi Reports Mujahidin Lift Siege in Farah

BK240317 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 24 Jan 86

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say the mujahidin lifted the seige of Soviet-Karmal forces in Farah Province [word indistinct] for the second time. According to the reports, Afghan mujahidin inflicted heavy casualties on the charging soldiers and forced them to retreat. In this major offensive Soviet-Karmal forces used (?many) armored cars and helicopters. In the fighting a plane was shot down and two armored cars were also damaged.

Another report says mujahidin also attacked the notorious [words indistinct] in Badghisat Province and killed at elast three intelligence officers.

BANGLADESH

PRC Minister, Delegation Leave for Home 23 Jan

BK240204 Dhaka Domestic Service in English
0110 GMT 24 Jan 86

[Text] The 10-member Chinese delegation led by the minister for chemical industry, Mr Qin Zhongda, left Dhaka yesterday after an 8-day visit to Bangladesh. Mr Qin, who led his country at the second session of the Bangladesh-China joint commission, also attended the inauguration of the Kalas urea fertilizer factory. He also held detailed discussions with a number of ministers to (?stabilize) and develop the existing economic relations between the two countries.

China has agreed to assist Bangladesh in the mining and exploration of coal deposits at (Boropokuria) in the northern part of the country. It also agreed to consider (?Dhaka's) request for setting up of some new projects including a number of fertilizer plants and power distribution projects. The delegation visited Chittagong, Chandraxhona and Kaftari.

SRI LANKA

Cabinet Approves Draft Citizenship Bill 22 Jan

BK231130 Colombo International Service in English
1030 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] The Cabinet yesterday approved a draft bill on citizenship to those of Indian origin submitted by President J.R. Jayewardene. Last week Sri Lanka and India reached agreement to resolve the problem of stateless persons of Indian origin. Cabinet spokesman Minister of State Dr Anandatissa de Alwis told newsmen that the bill will be submitted to the Supreme Court for its decision on whether the proposed legislation is consistent with the Constitution.

The bill is expected to be debated in parliament as urgent legislation during the latter half of next month.

Parliament Debates Extension of Emergency

BK231138 Colombo International Service in English
1030 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] The motion to extend the state of emergency was debated in Parliament this morning. The minister of parliamentary affairs and sports, Vincent Perera, who introduced the motion in Parliament, gave a graphic account of terrorist activities during the past months. The security forces were able to repulse several attacks of the terrorists. The terrorists have violated the agreement on the cessation of hostilities.

The MP for Attanagalla, Lakshman Jayakody, participating in the debate said that if the government had any plan for solving the terrorist problem and the economic situation, it should put forward its solution now. He said the security of the country has deteriorated.

Mr Jayakody said that only the national security minister discusses matters with the security forces in the north and east. He also denied that Mrs Bandaranaike had made a statement to the effect that the country should be in readiness to battle with Indian plantation workers in the future.

The minsiter of national security, Lalith Athulathmudali, said that while looking for a political solution to the crisis, the security of the country must be ensured.

Army Officer Killed by Terrorists in Mullaitivu

BK231107 Colombo International Service in English
1030 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] Lieutenant J.W. Perera of the Sri Lanka army was killed by terrorists on Tuesday while he was supervising repairs to the Mullaitivu-Malkolam road blasted by terrorists earlier.

A communique issued by the Ministry of National Security stated yesterday that terrorists had attacked the repair party during the course of which Lt Perera was killed.

Meanwhile, 51 among 251 suspects taken in for questioning in connection with last Sunday's shootout in Irudayapuram in the Batticaloa district have been identified as active members of LTTE [Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam], EROS [Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students], PLOTE [People's Liberation Organization of Tamil Eelam], TELO [Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization] and the EPRLF [Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front]. The rest, numbering 200, were released, the communique added.

Musavi: Plot To Damage Economy Has Failed

LD231731 Tehran IRNA in English 1715 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] Tehran, Jan. 23, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi Thursday said that efforts by Iraq and other arrogant foreign powers to damage Iran's economy had failed. Addressing Friday prayers leading from Tehran Province, Musavi also said that since the 1979 Islamic revolution the government has been leading a policy based on Islamic values. He said government organizations have carried out their responsibilities through the great effort of the civil servants and despite difficulties that exist because of the imposed Iraqi war. He said that policies of the former regime had made the country indebted to foreigners and put Iran under the influence of the United States.

On the recent decline in oil prices, Musavi said the trend was a plot by arrogant foreign regimes to damage the economy of the Islamic Republic. He said that Iraqi regime pursued similar aims by attacking Iran's economic facilities. But the prime minister pointed out that neither effort would succeed because of due measures taken by the Iranian Government. In fact, he said, there is more creativity in Iran's economy because of these attacks. Musavi called on the paryer leaders to keep in constant touch with the people and to convey their views to government officials.

Musavi Addresses Volunteers Departing for Battlefronts

LD232249 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Excerpts] More than a 1,000 volunteer popular mobilization forces from Kordestan province, the Karbala marchers' convoy no. 2 together with a big convoy carrying the donations of people consisting of basic provisions needed on the battlefornts, set off for the battlefronts of justice against injustice after some ceremonies this morning.

The ceremonies for the despatched volunteers were attended by clergymen, students, teachers, civil servants, traders, and Hojjat ol-Eslam Musavi, the imam's representative in the west of the country. In the course of some remarks he praised the Karbala marchers as those who are marching to rescue the deprived and the oppressed. He also praised the self-sacrifice of the combatants of Islam. The second convoy of Karbala marchers from different cities and towns of eastern Azarbayjan — composed of 4,000 combative forces — this afternoon set off for the battlefronts of light against darkness with a send-off from the inhabitants of this province. According to this report, this party arrived in Tabriz yesterday.

Boycott of, UK, Norway Urged, Oil Prices Criticized

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[Text] Tehran, Jan. 23, IRNA — Iran Thursday 23 January -- called on members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to boycott Britain and Norway for slashing oil prices in the world market. Deputy oil minister for international affairs, Hoseyn Kazempur Ardabili said in an interview with IRNA, that OPEC should also bring down its production ceiling in an effort to stablize current oil prices.

The price of Britain's sea oil dropped from $30.8 in December to $23 after the 76th OPEC conference and to a proposed $19.95 for February, with Norway making similar cuts, according to Ardabili.

Ardabili also criticised some of the OPEC members for what he said was "being instrumental" in bringing down prices and attacked Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Nigeria for selling more than their official quota and violating OPEC supply rules.

Last month Oman and Dubai allowed the multinational oil companies to sell their oil four dollars lower than previous prices, ardabili said.

The Islamic Republic and other progressive OPEC members including Algeria and Libya, he said, are determined to fight the "reactionary trends" in the cartel.

The cutting of prices by Britain and Norway is an instrument to implement the will of imperialist circles, he said. If such measures continue all OPEC members should study a boycott or trade restrictions against the two countries, he added.

The aim of the cuts according to Ardabili is to boost economic activity in Western industrial nations to the detriment of OPEC member countries, particularly those with larger populations.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns this imperialist policy and criticises the stand of certain OPEC members. It calls for the unity of all OPEC countries in this respect. It also calls on all members to resist and stabilize the price of their national wealth in the interest of their people" he said.

Ardabili also called on non-OPEC oil producers to join the world cartel in safeguarding the interests of producing countries.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Addresses Air Force Personnel

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[Text] Tehran, Jan. 23, IRNA — The Majlis speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani said here Wednesday that the Islamic Republic of Iran was an example of a valuable successful experience which will have great impact on the world, the Third World countries in particular. Hojjat ol-Eslam Rafsanjani was speaking to a group of commanders, pilots and personnel of the air force.

He said that for some time this notion had become dominant in most Third World countries that their struggle for freedom and independence would be a step from bad to worse. Such a false impression, he added, has made the oppressive powers to feel more secure.

However, he added, the achievements of the Islamic Revolution of Iran and the struggle of the Iranian people with no reliance on superpowers, has produced a new successful case for the people of the world. The Islamic Revolution of Iran has proved that

people can stand on their own feet, Rafsanjani added.

On the Iraqi-imposed war and the extensive arms supply to the Iraqi regime, he said that in this war Iran has relied on itself. He further told the air force personnel that no one could believe that the Iranian Air Force with all its complexity and dependence, could be able to defend the country for a long time.

On geographical situation of Iran, he said that Iran was of great strategic importance and the whole world counted on it.

More on the Iraqi-imposed war he said that it will not end unless "we become victorious". This victory, he added, will provide another experience through which Iran will prove that a nation could stand against arms and weaponry of big powers.

He further told the air force personnel that the present status of war fronts has led some to conclude that a balance might have been established in the war and, therefore, nothing will happen. However, he added, "we believe that creation of a balance is impossible. For a country with millions of people volunteering to sacrifice their lives and whatever they have in order to attain their rights, establishment of a balance is impossible."

Therefore, he added, such claims were baseless and once it is proven that Iran will stand against enemy and will not forego its rights, this experience too will be of value for many.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Communique No 2359

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[Text] Tehran, Jan. 23, IRNA — A military communique published here Thursday said that Iran's Muslim combatants silenced enemy artillery fire and set ablaze parts of enemy bunkers killing several Iraqi troops in the northwestern operational regions, on Wednesday.

In Bakhtaran and Ilam fronts, communique number 2359 issued by the Joint Staff Command said, Iraqi positions were subjected to heavy artillery fire, killing or wounding 10 Iraqi soldiers.

In Sumar region, exchange of fire was more intense Wednesday than the other regions, the command said, adding that Iranian anti-aircraft fire prevented Iraqi helicopters' reconnaissance flights.

The communique said that in Mehran operational region, an Iraqi patrol unit was subjected to Iranian fire and fled sustaining casualties.

In Hoseyniyeh region, Iraqi reconnaissance flights were checked by Iranian Muslim combatants, the communique said. Meanwhile, Iraqi long-range artillery fire on Abadan in Khuzestan province Wednesday caused minor damage to some buildings in the city.

Abadan, Environs Shelled

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[Text] According to the Central News Unit, due to the continuation of the shelling of residential and civilian areas of the steadfast city of Abadan and the surrounding districts by the Ba'thist-Zionist Iraqi aggressors over the past 24 hours, two residential units were destroyed.

Iraq Attacks Genaveh

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[Text] Tehran, Jan. 23, IRNA — Intruding Iraqi war planes bombarded an area in the outskirts of Genaveh, in southern Iran (northeast of Khark Island) Thursday as a result of which five passengers of a bus which was hit by an Iraqi rocket, were martyred and 20 others wounded. An oil pipeline in that region was also set on fire but was extinguished by firemen immediately.

An informed source at the Oil Ministry here told IRNA that the damage inflicted on the oil pipeline was minor and would have no affect on Iran's oil exports. He said it will be repaired by Iranian oil experts shortly. Reports reaching here indicated that the people in the area had rushed to help victims of the inhuman Iraqi attack, and transfer them to nearest hospitals.

Kurdish Operations in Iraq

LD231138 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 23 Jan 86

[Text] The latest report received from Iraq indicates that following intensification of the struggles of the Iraqi Muslim Kurdish revolutionaries against Saddam's regime in that country's northern provinces, the forces of the Iraqi regime razed to the ground the villages of Bilehdar and Qasbeh, 5 km from Sulaymaniyah. According to this report, government forces also attacked the villages of Purehdaghi, Meqran, and Shahr-Bazar and set fire to many houses. The report adds that many of the villagers have become homeless as a result of these attacks; and last month, the security forces of the Iraqi regime forced 400 families, connected with the Muslim revolutionaries, to leave Sulaymaniyah.

Trade Protocol Signed With Zimbabwe

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[Text] Tehran, jan 23, IRNA — The Islamic Republic of Iran will cooperate with Zimbabwe in building an oil refinery and also in training the needed technical and industrial manpower, said a protocol signed between the two countries in Harare, Wednesday. The technical and trade protocol was signed by foreign ministers of the two countries at Harare Airport prior to the departure of the Iranian delegation headed by President 'Ali Khamene'i, at the end of a two-day visit.

The Zimbabwan foreign minister, Witness Mangwende, in a meeting with his Iranian counterpart 'Ali Akbar Velayati during which the protocol was signed, thanked President Khamene'i and his accompanying delegation for visiting Zimbabwe.

He also praised the stance of the Islamic Republic of Iran vis-a-vis the racist South African regime, adding that Iran has always opposed apartheid in South Africa.

He noted that during the talks President Khamene'i held with Zimbabwan officials, practical ways of campaign against Pretoria regime were discussed. He expressed hope that discussions would be followed up in this connection.

Meanwhile, the Iranian foreign minister thanked the warm hospitality extended to the Iranian delegation by the Zimbabwan Government.

He said that campaign against the racist South African regime was the main theme of discussions between officials of the two countries.

Velayati expressed hope that the talks would be followed up and bilateral cooperation would be expanded.

Afghan Revolutionaries' Operations Reported

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[Text] Muslim Afghan revolutionaries have once again broken the siege which the joint Soviet-Afghan forces have imposed in the area of (Sharafatpur) in the Farah Province. In retaliation for their disgraceful defeat there, the joint forces besieged the area 20 days ago, using all of their equipment and forces in Qandahar, Shindand, and Farah. The Muslim revolutionaries forced these forces to retreat after shooting down one MIG and destroying two of their tanks. Afghan sources indicate that 14 personnel of the Kabul regime forces have surrendered with full gear to the Muslim Afghan revolutionaries during the break of siege.

Tabriz Commentary Attacks BBC, VOA Reporting

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[From "What Are Foreign Radios Saying?" program]

[Excerpt] Dear listeners, in their drive to distort developments concerning Iran, the dependent foreign radios last week chose to discuss brother Khamene'i's visit to Pakistan and a number of African countries and the searching of suspicious ships by the Islamic Republic of Iran's naval forces in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman.

Khamene'i's visit to Pakistan last week was his first to a non-Arab country as president. It was widely distorted by Israeli Radio and the BBC, which are regarded as the main radios of imperialism and international Zionism. However, although admitting a number of realities, it has become clear that, because of their nature, these media organs have approached Khamene'i's visit with malice. Here is what BBC reported on Khamene'i's visit to Pakistan on Monday, 13 January:

Thousands of people in Pakistan gathered around brother Khamene'i carrying Imam Khomeyni's photographs and chanting death to America. Brother Khamene'i was given a full welcome at Islamabad airport. A military parade was held on the occasion of his visit to Pakistan, and he was greeted with a 21-gun salute.

Voice of America also gave priority coverage to brother Khamene'i's visit to Pakistan last week. In admitting the anti-American feeling of those who welcomed brother Khamene'i, the radio said the following:

In a statement after his aircraft, acompanied by a number of Pakistani military aircraft and the 21-gun salute at Islamabad airport, the 46-year-old president of the Islamic Republic of Iran said that his 2-day visit can achieve significant results at a time when the Muslims are experiencing many difficulties. Khamene'i alleged that the Islamic countries are being greatly threatened by imperialism. About 25,000 people gathered at Islamabad airport at the time of President Khamene'i's arrival in Islamabad.

Although the dependent foreign radios pursued the trend of limiting reports concerning President Khamene'i's visit to Pakistan, they also had to admit the significance and vastness of his welcomers. Agencies, even those controlled by U.S. imperialism, that is to say REUTER and AP, openly admitted that such a welcome is rarely accorded to someone visiting Pakistan.

VOA reported that 25,000 people attended the welcoming ceremony held for brother Khamene'i. Another malicious point in the VOA report however, was the questionable way VOA officials described the reality of U.S. imperialism's threats to the world's Muslims. Brother Khamene'i said in Islamabad that the world's Muslims are now being subjected to the threats and attacks of imperialism and international Zionism more than ever before. This reality, however, was described by VOA as an allegation, when in fact it does not require any confirmation.

The cruelty inflicted upon the Muslims in the Near East and the Muslim countries of Africa has been the direct result of the policies pursued by the White House. It has been carried out by the dependent regimes and the allies of the White House particularly by the Israeli regime, which occupies Jerusalem, and by the racist regime in South Africa. Cognizant of this reality, President Khamene'i recalled in Mozambique that the struggle against the Tel Aviv and Pretoria regimes cannot be waged separately from the one against U.S. hegemonism. A separate struggle would produce no result.

Dear listeners, another significant aspect of the broadcasts aired by dependent foreign radios last week was the widespread reporting of the searches carried out on a U.S. and a British ship in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. It will be recalled that following the escalation of the war in the Persian Gulf region by the Iraqi regime, the Islamic Republic of Iran, with a view to preventing the Saddam regime's military forces from broadening their disturbances, disclosed in September last year that it would stop ships carrying cargo aimed at strengthening the Iraqi

regime's military power. Following the disclosure of this new position in clear terms, the Islamic Republic of Iran's naval forces have searched suspicious ships and confiscated their military cargo.

Using the question of halting and searching suspicious ships, the imperialist media organs have found an opportunity to open a new front for continuing their propaganda war against the Islamic Republic of Iran. Obviously, the reaction of the media organs controlled by imperialism against the seizure of the U.S. and british ships reflects the way the United States and Britain look at the matter.